

REMARKS


The record does not acknowledge a claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 to U.S. Application 09/037,157. The claim of priority was properly made in the preliminary amendment filed December 7, 1999. The PAIRS system also does not reflect the claim of priority. It is respectfully requested that a Supplemental Notice of Allowance be issued acknowledging the claim of priority.

The replacements sheets are provided as amendments to FIGS. 1, 2, and 3. The amendments make the figures more clear and easier to read. No new elements have been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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